

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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## BALANCED BUDGET ACT/Work Requirements & Education

**SUBJECT:**      **Balanced Budget Act of 1997 . . . S. 947. Levin motion to waive the Budget Act for the consideration of the Lautenberg (for Levin) amendment No. 482.**

### ACTION: MOTION REJECTED, 55-45

**SYNOPSIS:**      As reported, S. 947, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, will make net mandatory spending reductions to achieve the savings necessary to balance the budget by 2002 and to provide the American people with tax relief. This bill is the first reconciliation bill that is required by H.Con. Res. 84, the Budget Resolution for fiscal year (FY) 1998 (see vote No. 92). The second bill will provide tax relief (see vote No. 160).

**The Lautenberg (for Levin) amendment** would allow vocational education training to be counted as a work activity for 24 months for an individual who needed to be working in order to obtain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) welfare benefits.

The amendment was offered after all debate time had expired. However, by unanimous consent some debate was permitted. Senator Domenici raised the point of order that the Lautenberg (for Levin) amendment violated section 313(b)(1)(A) of the Budget Act. Senator Levin then moved to waive the Budget Act for the consideration of the amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to waive favored the amendment; those opposing the motion to waive opposed the amendment.

NOTE: A three-fifths majority (60) vote is required to waive the Budget Act. Following the failure of the motion to waive, the point of order was upheld and the amendment thus fell.

**Those favoring** the motion to waive contended:

The National Governors' Association and community colleges strongly support the Levin amendment. They know that if people are given 2 years to get a community college degree they can learn a valuable trade and never go on welfare again. Under the welfare

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YEAS (55)			NAYS (45)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republicans (10 or 18%)	Democrats (45 or 100%)		Republicans (45 or 82%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Akaka	Johnson	Allard	Helms		
Chafee	Baucus	Kennedy	Ashcroft	Hutchinson		
Collins	Biden	Kerrey	Bennett	Hutchison		
D'Amato	Bingaman	Kerry	Bond	Inhofe		
Jeffords	Boxer	Kohl	Brownback	Kempthorne		
Lugar	Breaux	Landrieu	Burns	Kyl		
Smith, Gordon	Bryan	Lautenberg	Campbell	Lott		
Snowe	Bumpers	Leahy	Coats	Mack		
Specter	Byrd	Levin	Cochran	McCain		
Stevens	Cleland	Lieberman	Coverdell	McConnell		
	Conrad	Mikulski	Craig	Murkowski		
	Daschle	Moseley-Braun	DeWine	Nickles		
	Dodd	Moynihan	Domenici	Roberts		
	Dorgan	Murray	Enzi	Roth		
	Durbin	Reed	Faircloth	Santorum		
	Feingold	Reid	Frist	Sessions		
	Feinstein	Robb	Gorton	Shelby		
	Ford	Rockefeller	Gramm	Smith, Bob		
	Glenn	Sarbanes	Grams	Thomas		
	Graham	Torricelli	Grassley	Thompson		
	Harkin	Wellstone	Gregg	Thurmond		
	Hollings	Wyden	Hagel	Warner		
	Inouye		Hatch			

#### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

#### SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

reform bill passed last Congress, only 12 months of vocational education training can be used to fulfill work requirements for benefits. The old law allowed for 24 months of training. We should go back to the old law. Therefore, we should vote to waive the Budget Act for the consideration of the Levin amendment.

**Those opposing** the motion to waive contended:

The Levin amendment would substantially weaken the work requirements that were passed last year. We want people on welfare to get to work, not to get more education and training. We are glad that most people who get associate degrees get them on their own without going on welfare. The bill that was passed last year already lets welfare recipients delay working for 1 year while they get training. We are not willing to go beyond that more than generous delay. We therefore strongly oppose the motion to waive.